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Application Serial No. 09/885,255

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Rose-Pehrson et al.**

Confirmation No.: **4572**

Serial No.: **09/885,255**

Art Unit: **2632**

Filed: **June 16, 2000**

Examiner: **Tang, Son M.**

For: **IDENTIFICATION OF FIRE SIGNATURES
FOR SHIPBOARD MULTI-CRITERIA FIRE
DETECTION SYSTEMS**

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 19, 2004.

Initially, Applicants express appreciation to Legal Instruments Examiner Davis and to Examiner Tang for their helpful suggestions.

For the following reasons, and further to the telephone conversation between Legal Instruments Examiner Davis and the undersigned on May 14, 2004, Applicants request rescission of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, entry of the marked-up Substitute Specification, and an early review of the allowability of the application by the Examiner.

Specifically, the Applicants submitted a clean copy of a Substitute Specification on September 17, 2003. An Ex Parte Quayle Office Action dated January 12, 2004 indicated that a marked-up copy of the Substitute Specification and formal drawings were required. In response, on February 24, 2004, Applicants submitted a marked-up copy of the Substitute Specification and formal drawings. A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 19, 2004 indicated that the Amendment filed on February 24, 2004 did not comply with the requirements

of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and indicated that a clean and marked-up copy of the specification were needed.

As discussed with Examiner Davis, the marked-up Substitute Specification submitted on February 24, 2004 is simply a marked-up copy corresponding to the clean copy submitted on September 17, 2003.

As all the items required by the Examiner in the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action have been submitted, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, entry of the marked-up Substitute Specification, and an early review of the allowability of the application by the Examiner.

Should any questions arise with regard to this submission, or with regard to the application in general, Examiners Davis and Tang are invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Although no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be due, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0281.

Respectfully submitted,


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